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# DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group ----- Sq. 416 Night Fighter Sq. Date 23 Feb. 1945 Mission No. 372

1. No. Off 1 Mosq. Mk XXX Time Up 01:00 Time Down 01:40 Total Hours 3:40  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission CCF Control Med. Sea - Caserta Area 3. Weather Hazy - Ceiling unlimited

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:  
No. & Type Reason  
Nil

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:  
No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point:  
Caserta Area

b. Time over Objective  
3:40

c. No. A/C Attacking

d. Alt. of Release

6. a. Escorted by  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs.

b. Escorting  
Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried  
Nil

No Expended at Each Objective  
(1) (2) (3) (4)

Lost on MIA No Rtd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM  
20mm

Carried  
720

Expended  
Nil

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered  
Nil

Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses  
Nil

b. Cause

c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rtd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA - Pilots Rtd. MIA on Miss. No.  
SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:  
Chase started at 8 miles, lost contact at 2 miles, alt. 7000'. 03:00 hr. NW of Caserta picked up contact at approx. 8 miles, faded at 3 miles, same alt. 7000', going 180 MPH. Double bright light on top of hill at La Spezia. (white) No other remarks.

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**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**

Group..... Sq. 416th MI. Par. Sq. Date 23 Feb/45 Mission No. 536

1. No. Off. 1 Mosquito Time Up 23 Feb/45 2230 Time Down 24 Feb/45 0215 Total Hours 3 hrs 45 mins  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission CGI Patrol

3. Weather CU-YU-moderate haze

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:  
No. & Type \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_  
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Time over Objective M1  
c. No. A/C Attacking \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Alt. of Release \_\_\_\_\_

6. a. Escorted by \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Escorting \_\_\_\_\_  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs \_\_\_\_\_  
Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs \_\_\_\_\_

7. Type Explosive \_\_\_\_\_ Fusing N. T. Number Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
No Expended at Each Objective  
(1) (2) (3) (4) Lost on MIA No Rtd & Dest. A/C to Base  
M1

Explosive Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM \_\_\_\_\_ Carried M1 Expended \_\_\_\_\_  
20 MM

9. Type Flak \_\_\_\_\_ Accuracy \_\_\_\_\_ Intensity 720 Location (grid coordinate) M1

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Aggressiveness \_\_\_\_\_  
M1

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Cause M1  
c. Crew Casualties \_\_\_\_\_  
M1

d. A/C Rtd From MIA \_\_\_\_\_ MIA on Miss. No. \_\_\_\_\_ e. MIA-Pilots Rtd \_\_\_\_\_ MIA on Miss. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
SW, LW or Unwounded \_\_\_\_\_

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) \_\_\_\_\_ E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) \_\_\_\_\_ E/A Damaged (No. & Type) \_\_\_\_\_  
M1

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:  
CGI Patrol along coast-Corsica-to River, south to front lines, Bologna Modena area. Much of flares dropped north of Bologna during entire period of patrol. No contacts or chase.

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0800 hrs 23 Feb/45 - 0800 hrs 24 Feb/45

**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**

Group 1st Sq. 410th H.A. Gr. 4. Date 23 Feb/45 Mission No. 585  
1. No. Off 12 Time Up 0900 Time Down 2400 Total Hours 3 hrs 40 mins  
(No. Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission OCI Patrol 3. Weather Extremely Heavy  
4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type Reason No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: b. Time over Objective c. No. A/C Attacking d. Alt. of Release

6. a. Escorted by b. Escorting  
c. No A/C Carrying Bombs. Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs  
7. Type Explosive Fusing N. I. Number Carried No Expended at Each Objective Lost on MIA No Rtd & Dest. A/C to Base  
(1) (2) (3) (4)

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo, Cal., or MM Carried Expended  
20 MM 720 11  
9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rtd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA-Pilots Rtd MIA on Miss. No.  
SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:  
OCI Patrol between coast and Coraica. No contacts or chases. Observed two flares North of Fize and a flare Southwest of Loghara. All three were orange and very high.

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PONTEDERA AIRFIELD,  
(Station)  
MAJOR DAVID B. HAMILTON

Sheet No. 7 War Diary, L114 NIGHT FIGHTER Sqdn. ITALY, APO #650.  
Month of MARCH 1945, APR 4 Prepared by & CAPT. HAROLD C. DAWSON.  
( EXECUTIVE OFFICER )

DAY

EVENTS

BOLENDER AND LT. MANGES, LT. BAKER AND LT. BROWN, LT. PIMSNER AND F/O STRAIGHT, LT. GORDON AND F/O GIGERICH, LT. DOHRMAN AND LT. BEAM, LT. RUMERY AND F/O NORTHCUTT.

THE ENLISTED MEN'S DANCE HELD LAST NIGHT AGAIN PRODUCED A SURPLUS OF CIVILIAN ESCORTS FOR THE FEMALE ATTENDANTS. HOWEVER, STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO SEE THAT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. WE HAVE CAPT. FORSLIND AND LT. KRYSA BACK FROM THE WING, AND THEY WILL REMAIN WITH THE SQUADRON PENDING RECEIPT OF THEIR ORDERS SENDING THEM HOME.

SPRING WEATHER IS BRINGING OUT THE BASEBALL SPIRIT, AND WE ARE TRYING TO LOCATE A SUITABLE FIELD. WITH SO MANY NEWCOMERS TO THE SQUADRON, ESPECIALLY AMONG OFFICERS, WE SHOULD FIND SOME HELPFUL TALENT.

13. OUR OFFICERS PERFORMED FOUR PATROLS OF FRONT LINES SOUTH OF BOLOGNA IN SPITE OF THE 6/10 TO 9/10 STRATUS FROM 1000 TO 5000 AND A HAZE THAT RESTRICTED VISIBILITY TO SIX MILES.

AT 2045 HOURS HALF A MILE OFF SHORE FROM MARINA DI MASSA, LT. J.W. JONES AND LT. HEDDLESTON SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE HEAVY CALIBER ARTILLERY STRADDLE AND HIT AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT THAT APPEARED TO EXPLODE AND WAS LEFT BURNING.

NEAR BOLOGNA FOO FIRE WAS OBSERVED BY LT. SCHAEFFER AND LT. AYRES, LT. PRICE AND F/O WILKINSON. LT. RAUSCH AND F/O LINDLOF OBSERVED HEAVY ARTILLERY IN THE MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BOLOGNA.

AT MIDNIGHT REMAINING FLIGHTS WERE CANCELLED BECAUSE THE WEATHER HAD CLOSED IN COMPLETELY.

IN DIRECT CONTRAST WITH THE CLOUDY NIGHTS WE'VE HAD A RUN OF VERY FINE WEATHER THROUGH THE DAYLIGHT HOURS, AND IT'S GIVING US ALL A TOUCH OF SPRING FEVER.

WE ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT MEAL OF FRIED CHICKEN TODAY AND A FIRST RATE FILM AT OUR MOVIE.

14. LAST NIGHT'S FIVE FLIGHT SCHEDULE WAS SPICED WITH TWO INTRUDER MISSIONS, AND LT. GORDON AND F/O GIGERICH EARNED AN AIR MEDAL. AFTER JERRY MADE THE MISTAKE OF ANTAGONIZING THEM WITH HEAVY FLAK ON THEIR WAY TO COVER THE GHEDI AREA, THEY WENT RIGHT DOWN ON THE DECK WITH GUNS BLAZING. AT 2000 HOURS THEY DESTROYED TWO MOTOR TRANSPORTS AND STARTED TWO LARGE FUEL FIRES NEAR GAMBARA. A FEW



1943

AND FUEL, FORT

DUTY

(INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)

MONTH	DATE	Type	No.	1st PILOT	OR PASSENGER	(INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
						TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
DEC	1	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	NAVAL Co-OP. ON CRUISERS
DEC	2	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	TAKED ATTACKS ON CRUISERS
DEC	1	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	SCRAMBLE ON BARI
DEC	2	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	NAPLES PATROL
DEC	4	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	N.F.T.
DEC	5	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	TO PORTUGIANO
DEC	5	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	NAPLES PATROL
DEC	6	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	N.F.T.
DEC	7	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	TO GROTTAGLIE
DEC	8	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	N.F.T.
DEC	8	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	BARI PATROL
DEC	9	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	TO PORTUGIANO
DEC	9	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	NAPLES PATROL
DEC	9	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	NAPLES PATROL
DEC	10	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	N.F.T.
DEC	11	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	TO GROTTAGLIE
DEC	12	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	N.F.T.
DEC	12	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	BARI-BRINDISI PATROL
DEC	13	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	TO PORTUGIANO
DEC	14	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	N.F.T.
DEC	14	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	NAPLES PATROL
DEC	15	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	TO GROTTAGLIE
DEC	16	BEAUFIGHTER	0	SELF	F/S IZOWSKY	N.F.T.

GRAND TOTAL (Cols. (1) to (10))

1249 Hrs. 30 Mins.

TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD

DAY		NIGHT	
Down	Up	Down	Up
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

54-40 102-15 3:00 89-25 2-34

Not there at end of raid, G.C.I. no help  
Yankee throwing and good a message on theNaples Ho. 21 King under leaves!  
Nothing happens at all.Weather foul. by blowing, rain etc.  
better weather but had a patrol at

S.F.A.

Scraming - Dog fight with the Luft.

54-40 102-15 3:00 89-25 2-34



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(Revised)DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT  
0800 hrs. 17 Feb. 1945 to 0800 hrs. 18 Feb. 1945

- Group Sq. 416 B.F. Sq. Date 17 Feb. 1945 Mission No. 560
1. No. Off 1 <sup>XXX</sup> Time Up 17155 Time Down 19115 Total Hours 1:20  
(No., Type, Model) (By Type A/C)
2. Type Mission Intruder Central Po Valley 3. Weather Heavy haze at 4000 ft. up to 7000
4. a. A/C Not Crossing E/L: No. & Type Reason b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason
5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point Central Po Valley b. Time over Objective N11 c. No. A/C Attacking 1 d. Alt. of Release 1
6. a. Escorted by Central Po Valley b. Escorting 1  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not carrying Bombs
7. Type Explosive Fusing N.T. Number Carried N11 No. Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C No. Rd't to Base
- Explosive Jettisoned Number N11 Reason Location
8. Ammo. Cal. or MM N11 Carried Expended
9. Type 20 MM Flak Accuracy 720 Intensity Location (Grid coordinate) N11
10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location N11 Aggressiveness
11. a. Own Aircraft Losses N11 b. Cause c. Crew Casualties
- d. A/C Rd't From MIA MIA on Miss. No. N11 e. MIA Pilots Rd't MIA on Miss. No. N11 SW, LW or Unwounded
12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results): N11

1. West of Massa at 5-6000 ft., saw going West what appeared to be a red ball of fire traveling curving course. First it climbed then dove out of sight in the valley South of Massa. Did not emit spurts of flame, did not appear to be Jet A/C. No traffic observed in La Spezia - Parma Area.

/s/ G. S. Miller



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0000 hrs 16 Feb/45-0000 hrs 17 Feb/45

**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT** Lt. Keegan  
Lt. Herron

Group 1 Mosquito Sq. 416th Fl. Ftr. Fl. Date 17 Feb/45 Mission No. 557  
16 Feb/45  
 1. No. Off 12 Time Up 2250 Time Down 0130 Total Hours 2 hrs 40 min  
 (No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission OCI Patrol 3. Weather Strato-Cumulus clouds 2500'-4500'  
Vis. 2 miles, haze.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
 No. & Type Reason No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: b. Time over Objective c. No. A/C Attacking d. Alt. of Release

6. a. Escorted by b. Escorting  
 c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried No Expended at Each Objective Lost on MIA No R'd & Dest. A/C to Base  
 (1) (2) (3) (4)

Explosive (if fissioned) Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C R'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA - Pilots R'd MIA on Miss. No.  
 SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation, Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:  
OCI Patrol along coast. Pilot saw flames and went to investigate. Flames were being  
dropped by what looked like a jet-propelled aircraft. Pilot alone by visual contact  
estimated to be somewhere under 10 miles. Clouds lasted 6 minutes and Pilot thought  
he closed into somewhere around 1 mile before losing. Aircraft disappeared in a haze  
in the sunset. Pilot indicated 380 mph air speed. OCI reported they started him at  
450 mph ground speed. No radar contact whatsoever, airborne or otherwise. Clouds  
about 40 white flames dropped by jet-propelled aircraft between bombing and losing at  
altitude of 11,000'.

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 Signature  
 MILLER, Capt. J. G.  
 1st Lt.



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Record No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Object \_\_\_\_\_

Carried \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

MIA or Miss No. \_\_\_\_\_ MIA or Miss No. \_\_\_\_\_ MIA or Miss No. \_\_\_\_\_

E/A Pilot No. (No. & Type) \_\_\_\_\_ E/A Damage (No. & Type) \_\_\_\_\_

Bombing Procedure and Brief Description of Results

Remarks & Observations

2 to 3000 ft over La Spezia Misting white light

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C. S. MILLER,  
Capt., A-10, Adjutant

NARA, Date 7/21/93

By 18/MS

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0800 hrs. 21 Feb./45 to 0800 hrs. 22 Feb./45  
**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**

Group..... Sq. 416th Lt. Fgtr. Sq. Date 22 Feb/45 Mission No. 576

1. No. Off. 1 No. 1 Time Up 2230 Time Down 0105 Total Hours 2435  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission G.O.I. Patrol La Spezia and Sweep 3. Weather Scattered High Clouds, Overcast  
in Central Po Valley North of Valley. Clear over Sea

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission N  
No. & Type Reason No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate b. Time over c. No. A/C d. Alt. of  
& Aiming Point: Objective Attacking Release  
Central Po Valley 2300 to 0035 1

6. a. Escorted by b. Escorting  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried No Expended at Each Objective Lost on MIA No R'd  
(1) (2) (3) (4) & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended  
20 MMs 720 N/A

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C R'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA-Pilots R'd MIA on Miss. No.  
SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Result(s):  
1- G.O.I. Patrol La Spezia area and Intruder Sweep in Central Po Valley.  
2- 3 lights above water-orange red-20 miles east of Leghona burned about a minute. Did  
not appear to be flares.

*C. Miller*  
Signature



By RB/MBNARA, Date 7/21/9312 AF FORM 34-2  
30 October 1944  
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Group I. Requito Sq. 4455 M. Flt. Date 17 Nov 45 Mission No. 539

1. No. Off. 17 Time Up 1700 Time Down 2115 Total Hours 3 hrs 20 mins  
(No. Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission ATT Patrol

3. Weather 1/2 2000' to 10000', visibility  
6 miles at 12000'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:  
No. & Type Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: MI

b. Time over Objective MI

c. No. A/C Attacking MI

d. Alt. of Release MI

6. a. Escorted by: MI

b. Escorting: MI

c. No A/C Carrying Bombs: MI

Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs: MI

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried No Expended at Each Objective Lost on MIA No R'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Issued	Number	Reason	Location	No Expended at Each Objective				Lost on MIA No R'd & Dest. A/C to Base
				(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
<u>20</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>MI</u>	<u>MI</u>					

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM 20 Carried 720 Expended MI

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses MI

b. Cause MI

c. Crew Casualties MI

d. A/C R'd From MIA: MI MIA on Miss. No. MI e. MIA - Pilots R'd: MI MIA on Miss. No. MI

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) MI E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) MI E/A Damaged (No. & Type) MI

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:  
O I Patrol of front lines. Vectored on one target which turned friendly. Observed  
2 flares 30 miles Northeast of Florence.

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**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**Group \_\_\_\_\_ Sq. 416th N.F. Sq Date 17-18 Feb. 45 Mission No. 5621. No. Off 1 Maag 1 Time Up 20:10 Time Down 23:10 Total Hours 3:00  
(No., Type, Maag) (By Type A/C)2. Type Mission GQI Patrol of Leghorn Area 3. Weather Ground haze up to 1000' QAVU  
patrolled La Spezia Area4. a. A/C Not Crossing E/L: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type Reason No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate &amp; Aiming Point b. Time over Objective c. No. A/C Attacking d. Alt. of Release

Leghorn - La Spezia Area6. a. Escorted by b. Escorting  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs. d. Duty of A/C Not carrying Bombs.

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried No. Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) Lost on MIA &amp; Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo. Cal. or MM Carried Expended

20 MM

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (Grid coordinate)

10. No. &amp; Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rd't From MIA MIA on Miss. No. a. MIA Pilots Rd't MIA on Miss. No.

SW, LW or Unwounded.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. &amp; Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. &amp; Type) E/A Damaged (No. &amp; Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

(1) At 20:45 saw a blinking light in distance, apparently moving for about 45 seconds near La Spezia, 20 miles away and too far for accurate observation.

(2) At 21:30 saw reddish white light going off and on in spurts about 6 or 8 miles away, near La Spezia at 10,000 ft. going NE. Chased it at 280MPH for 1 1/2 minutes. It took erratic course and faded out.

(3) At 21:40 saw same type of light 10 miles South of La Spezia and it went North and turned East of La Spezia at 9000'. Faded near La Spezia. Pilot came within 5 miles of La Spezia, suspected Ack Ack trap.

(4) At 21:55, 10 miles South of La Spezia chased another and it went across La Spezia and pilot followed. Faded 10 or 15 miles North of La Spezia. Our aircraft at 300 MPH couldn't catch it. No ack ack at La Spezia.

(5) At 22:50, 5 miles South of Pisa, saw same light from distance of 10 miles. Chased it for 2 or 2 1/2 minutes. It took north course, disappeared over mt. This light 10,000'. Light described as glow that alternates between weak and bright. No contacts on AI. Apparently no jamming.

**CONFIDENTIAL**/s/ C. S. Miller,  
/t/ C. S. MILLER,  
Capt., AG, Adjutant.



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# DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 416th Mi. Ftr. Sq. Date 21 Feb 45 Mission No. 578

1. No. Off. 1 Mosq Mk III Time Up 2110 Time Down 0145 Total Hours 0235  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Intruder Parma-Cremona-Piacenza Area. 3. Weather Haze moving down from North.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

Nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aliming Point: Parma-Cremona-Piacenza Area b. Time over Objective 0135 c. No. A/C Attacking 1 d. Alt. of Release 5000

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No A/C Carrying Bombs. Nil d. Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7. Type Explosive Fusing N T. Number Carried No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) Lost on MIA No R'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Nil

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

Nil

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended  
20 MM 720 160

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

Nil

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

Nil

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

Nil

d. A/C R'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. a. MIA - Pilots R'd MIA on Miss. No.

Nil

SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

Nil

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:

1. Intruder Parma-Cremona-Piacenza area.

2. At 0045 hrs. observed two large red balls of fire, altitude about 4,000 or 5,000 ft. Hovered in air about 10 minutes above Piacenza.

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Signature  
O. S. MILLER,  
Capt., 406, 1st AF.

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08:00 hours 22 Feb. '45 - 08:00 hours 23 Feb. '45

**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**

Group Sq 416 Night Fighter Sq, Date 22 Feb. '45 Mission No. 577

1. No. of 1 Req. 12 Time Up 10:25 Time Down 21:20 Total Hours 2:55  
 (No., Type, Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission CGI Patrol - PO - Villa Franco A/D 3. Weather CAVU

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
 No. & Type Reason No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: b. Time over Objective c. No. A/C Attacking d. Alt. of Release

PO to Villa Franco A/D

2:55

6. a. Escorted by b. Escorting  
 c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs d. Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. I. Number Carried No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) Lost on MIA No R'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C R'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA - Pilots R'd MIA on Miss. No.  
 SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:

At 20:30, altitude 1500' - South of Villafranca, flares warned of enemy in area of Villafranca. Multiple plots on AI (plots seemed frayed & not clear cut. Suspected window.) Targeted on plot, disappeared, new plot took place, then this disappeared. No further contacts or chases.  
 At 20:30 about 40 orange flares over Villafranca.

*C. Miller*  
 Signature



By DB/USW NARA, Date 7/20/9312 AF FORM 34-2  
20 October 1944  
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10:00 hr 22 Feb. 1945 - 08:00 hr. 23 Feb. 1945

**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**Group \*\*\*\*\* Sq. 416 Night Fighter Bde. Date 22 Feb. 1945 Mission No. 5801. No. Off. Obs. 1 Time Up 22:00 Time Down 24:00 Total Hours 2:00  
(No. Type Model) (By Type A/C)2. Type Mission WGI Patrol - E. of Parma to Genoa 3. Weather heavy, sea below 6000' ✓4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines;  
No. & Type Reason  
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type ReasonNil5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point:  
b. Time over Objective  
c. No. A/C Attacking  
d. Alt. of ReleaseE. of Parma to Genoa Area2:006. a. Escorted by  
c. No A/C Carrying Bombs  
b. Escorting  
Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried  
No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) Lost on MIA No R'd & Dest. A/C to BaseNil

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

Nil8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended  
20mm 720 Nil

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

Nil

10. No. &amp; Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

Nil

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

Nild. A/C R'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA - Pilots R'd MIA on Miss. No.  
SW, LW or UnwoundedNil

12. E/A Destroyed (No. &amp; Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. &amp; Type) E/A Damaged (No. &amp; Type)

Nil

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:

Rotating white beacon at Parma. 10 or 12 miles East of Parma at 4000', strong white light which lasted about 4 minutes. It seemed to be stationary. No traffic observed.**CONFIDENTIAL**Comiller  
Signature  
S. MILLER,  
Capt., AG, Adjutant.



S E C R E T

Sheet No. 12 War Diary, 414TH NIGHT FIGHTER Sqn. PONTEDERA AIRFIELD;  
ITALY, APO #650  
(Station)

Month of MARCH 1945, 1944. Prepared by CAPT. HAROLD C. DAWSON  
(EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

DAY

EVENING

NOTHING MORE EXCITING THAN FOO FIRE WAS REPORTED BY OTHER CREWS WHO PATROLLED THE FLORENCE - BOLOGNA- FRONT LINE AREAS: LT. EVANS AND F/O CAMPION, LT. DAKER AND LT. BROWN, LT. WEAVER AND F/O KALAN.

PFC BOEHM WAS AXED TO PRIVATE TODAY. TWO ACCOUNTS ON SPEEDING. IN ADDITION HE IS DUE A SUMMARY COURT FOR IMPERSONATING AN OFFICER WHILE IN ROME. THE KID JUST CAN'T SEEM TO KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE; AND HE ONLY JUST MADE PFC THE FIRST OF THE MONTH AFTER BEING GOOD FOR SIX MONTHS.

22. AT VERY BEST OUR BOYS HAD A WEARISOME TIME PATROLLING LEGHORN - PISA - FLORENCE LAST NIGHT: SCATTERED SUFRACE AND STRATO-CUMULUS CLOUDS COVERED 6-7/10 OF THE SKY BETWEEN 2000 FT. AND 3500 FT. VISIBILITY WAS LIMITED TO FIVE MILES. CREWS WERE LT. PRICE AND F/O WILKINSON, LT. SCHAEFFER AND LT. AYRES, LT. CHEELY AND LT. MC GIRR, LT. RAUSCH AND F/O LINDLOF.

SWEAT'S OFF! THE UNIT CITATION CAME THROUGH! IT WAS FOR THAT DEAL IN BORGO IN JANUARY OF '44. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, WE'RE THE FIRST IN THE EA-ME THEATER TO GET THIS HONOR AMONG THE NIGHT FIGHTERS. SGT. TOMPKINS IMMEDIATELY V-MAILED MAJOR HAMILTON THAT THEIR BABY HAD ARRIVED. NOW THERE'S STILL A SLIGHT SWEAT ON WHETHER THE WAR DEPARTMENT WILL PUBLISH IT IN GENERAL ORDERS, BUT T.A.C. SAYS IT'S A FOREGONE CONCLUSION.

23. LT. GRAVEL AND F/O MOORE INTRUDED THE BERGAMO AND GHEDI AREAS AND GLEANED ANOTHER HINT ABOUT THE ORIGIN AND NATURE OF FOO FIRE. AT 2015 HOURS, 1500 FT. OVER CASIMORO, THEY BOTH OBSERVED TWO SPURTS OF GUN FIRE ON THE GROUND AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER TWO BALLS OF FOO FIRE APPEARED ABOUT 600 YARDS DEAD AHEAD OF THEIR SHIP. FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER THE EXPERIENCE WAS REPEATED AT ANOTHER POINT EXCEPTING THAT INSTEAD OF BURNING OUT AFTER THREE OR FOUR MINUTES, ONE OF THE BALLS BURST LIKE A PROJECTILE WHILE THE OTHER CONTINUED TO GLOW. THIS CREW ALSO DREW HEAVY AND LIGHT INACCURATE SCANT FLAK AT TWO POINTS.

SEVEN PATROLS BROUGHT THE NIGHT'S TOTAL FLYING TIME TO THE IMPRESSIVE SUM OF 23:35 HOURS. LT. RAUSCH AND F/O LINDLOF, LT. RUMERY AND F/O NORTHCUTT BOTH REPORTED R/T JAMMING WHILE WORKING WITH WHITE SECTOR AT 1900 HOURS. FIELD ARTILLERY AND FOO FIRE WERE REPORTED BY OTHER CREWS: LT. WEAVER AND F/O KALAN, LT. CHEELY AND LT. MC GIRR, LT. PRICE AND F/O WILKINSON, LT. JONES AND LT. HEDDLESTON, LT. SCHAEFFER AND LT. AYRES.

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DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)	SINGLE ENGINE AIRCRAFT				MULTI-ENGINE AIRCRAFT				FUEL CONSUMED (GAL)	
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